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Subject: RE: Possible Site Recommendation for Yucca Mountain

Lake H. Barrett, Acting Director  
 Office of Civilian Radioactive  
 Waste Management.  
 U. S. Department of Energy

Dear Mr. Barrett:

I am writing in response to your letter of August 27. I believe that the Yucca Mountain Site is an excellent location for the nuclear waste depository. The exhaustive studies that have been performed demonstrate beyond any reasonable doubt that the risks from the site to local residents and the larger public will be exceedingly minuscule compared to many other risks faced in everyday life.

The public's perception that nuclear waste disposal is primarily a technical problem, when in fact it is predominately a political problem, is misguided and damaging to our country's vital interests. To remedy this situation, the federal and state governments must take deliberate action to assure that the site goes into operation at the earliest possible date. We must clean up the nuclear waste legacy of the cold war and provide waste disposal for present and future nuclear power plants. Only then can nuclear energy play its proper role in stemming global warming, reducing fossil fuel pollutants, and securing our future energy supplies.

Sincerely,

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